

## Legislative Bulletin.....March 26, 2009

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Amendments to H.R. 1404— Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement  
(FLAME) Act

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### AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. **Rahall (D-WV).** Removes a Sense of Congress designating Flame Fund appropriations as emergency spending.
2. **Perlmutter (D-CO).** The amendment allows fire suppression activities to include the response to crisis insect infestations to reduce the likelihood of wildfires.
3. **Polis (D-CO).** Requires the Secretary to revise the wildland fire management strategy at least once every five years with focus on landscape, vegetation, climate, and weather.
4. **Hastings (R-WA).** Requires the Department of Agriculture to provide adjacent landowners prior written notice before setting a prescribed fire on National Forest System land.
5. **Hastings (R-WA).** Requires the review process for wildfire incidents to include an assessment of what preventive actions could have reduced the fire threat.
6. **Hastings (R-WA).** Requires the review process for wildfires to include an assessment of the quantity of greenhouse gases produced as a result of the fire.
7. **Heinrich (D-NM).** Requires the wildland fire management strategy to assess how climate change affects the severity and intensity of forest fires.
  - Some conservatives may feel that this provision is unnecessary and takes away from serious assessments to prevent forest fires.
8. **Minnick (D-ID).** Requires the Secretaries to take into account areas where insect infestation has created an extreme risk for wildfire to qualify for the FLAME fund.

9. **Lujan (D-NM)/Markey (D-CO)/Connolly (D-VA).** Requires management plans to evaluate the affect of invasive species on wildland fire risk and includes the eradication and control of invasive species as a qualified activity under the program.
10. **Matheson (D-UT).** Requires a plan to maximize the use of National Guard resources to fight wildfires.
11. **Roskam (R-IL).** Prohibits the use of the Flame Fund until 30 days after the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture provide an estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for the current and the following fiscal year.
12. **Kirkpatrick (D-AZ).** Requires that in order to qualify as a “fire-ready community,” it must meet at least two of the definitions identified in the bill.
13. **Goodlatte (R-VA).** Allows the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters to collaborate on projects and act as a “good neighbor” with local entities for fuels reduction projects.

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